



COMMITTEE TO
END HOMELESSNESS
KING COUNTY

Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum



2/4/2014 | 2 – 3:30PM | PSKS |

**EVERY 4TH TUESDAY FROM 2 – 3:30PM.
A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT THE
CHANGES PLANNED FOR OUR HOMELESS YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULT SYSTEM IN KING COUNTY.**

Meeting Objectives



- Site visit & tour – PSKS's New Location!
- Receive input around:
 - Monthly YYA Stakeholder Forums – format, content
- Understand Initiative progress to date and next steps
- Communicate new resources:
 - Next Steps Rental Assistance Program
 - Arcadia Young Adult Shelter
- Updates

Input: Monthly YYA Stakeholder Forums



- Why do you attend the SH Forums?
- What is most useful to you during the forum?
- What would you like to see more/less of in 2014?

Homeless YYA Initiative 2014 Overview



YYA Initiative – What to Expect Jan/Feb 2014



- **Funding**
 - RFP for education/employment, family reunification, housing stability released
 - Bidders workshop 2/7 [rescheduled due to Seahawks parade]
 - Contracts for direct funding in King County & Seattle budgets
- **Capacity building/ training**
 - Provider survey- family reunification work (UWKC)
 - LGBTQ convening, January 22
 - Fair Housing provider training, January 30
- **Evaluation & Learning**
 - Evaluation Team in high gear
 - Count Us In, January 23-24
 - Launch Outreach Learning Lab
- **Communications/Advocacy**
 - Youth Advocacy Day, Feb 14 – Count Us In results announced
 - New communications materials

Implementing Comp YYA Plan



- RFP for Comp YYA Plan activities released 1/30
 - Clear path to employment
 - Housing stability
 - Family reunification intervention and capacity building
- Comp YYA Plan activities currently being implemented:
 - Emergency shelter for 18 – 25 year olds in South King County
 - Low barrier housing
 - Rental assistance with supports

Homeless YYA Comprehensive Plan: **Recommended Priority Activities**

Progress Dashboard- *updated December 31, 2013*

Family reunification intervention

- **Accomplished:** King County Council funding included \$150,000 to support family reconciliation activities and \$150,000 to maintain Project Safe.
- **Next Steps:** RFP new funds January 2014; programming to begin spring 2014.

Address system disproportionality

- **Accomplished:** Private funding secured to build provider capacity to serve LGBTQ youth.
- **Next Steps:** LGBTQ provider-funder convening January 2014; training to follow. Identify resource and training needs re: disproportionality for youth of color; provide training. Develop and Evaluation Team review of more detailed data related to program outcomes for youth of color and LGBTQ youth (approximately April 2014).

Shelter for 18 to 25 year olds in South King County

- **Accomplished:** \$120,000 secured for 6 shelter beds to be operated by Auburn Youth Resources. Contract in place between UWKC and AYR. Contract in process between King County and AYR.
- **Next Steps:** Shelter opened 1/15/14. Explore resources for construction which would expand capacity to 12.

Low barrier housing

- **Accomplished:** 2013 Awards of capitol funding for homeless housing included twenty units of housing for homeless young adults in Kirkland, with ten units explicitly for high needs young adults (Friends of Youth) and construction of twenty-four micro-units of housing for high needs homeless young adults in Auburn (Valley Cities).
- **Next Steps:** Projects under construction.

Clear path to employment, including education, particularly for YYA under 18

- **Accomplished:** \$250k secured for education and employment activities.
- **Next Steps:** RFP new funds January 2014; programming to begin spring 2014.

Housing stability team

- **Accomplished:** King County Council funding included \$130,000 for housing stability.
- **Next Steps:** RFP new funds January 2014; programming to begin spring 2014.

Rental assistance with supports

- **Accomplished:** \$280,000 annually over two years secured for rental assistance with supports.
- **Next Steps:** Program has launched and is accepting referrals through Youth Housing Connection.

Homeless YYA Comprehensive Plan: **Recommended Priority Activities**

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Capacity building to support family reunification

- *Accomplished:*
- *Next Steps:* Survey providers re: current family reconciliation activities (January 2014), identify training needs (February 2014), training for providers (spring 2014).

Explicit focus on disproportionality

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Prevent exits to homelessness for youth in care

- *Accomplished:* HHS Youth at Risk of Homelessness (YARH) grant funded and planning team convened.
- *Next Steps:* Through YARH grant, conduct data analysis re: youth exiting foster care to homelessness. Convene workgroups to develop service and administrative recommendations.

Strengthen data and evaluation

- *Accomplished:* Convened evaluation team, began data collection through YHC (July 2013) and CSI (November 2013), planning underway for outreach learning lab.
- *Next Steps:* Review proposed workplan with Evaluation Team and begin work on priority evaluation and learning activities. Determine where additional evaluation resources are necessary.

Align and cultivate funding to improve indiv. outcomes and system impacts

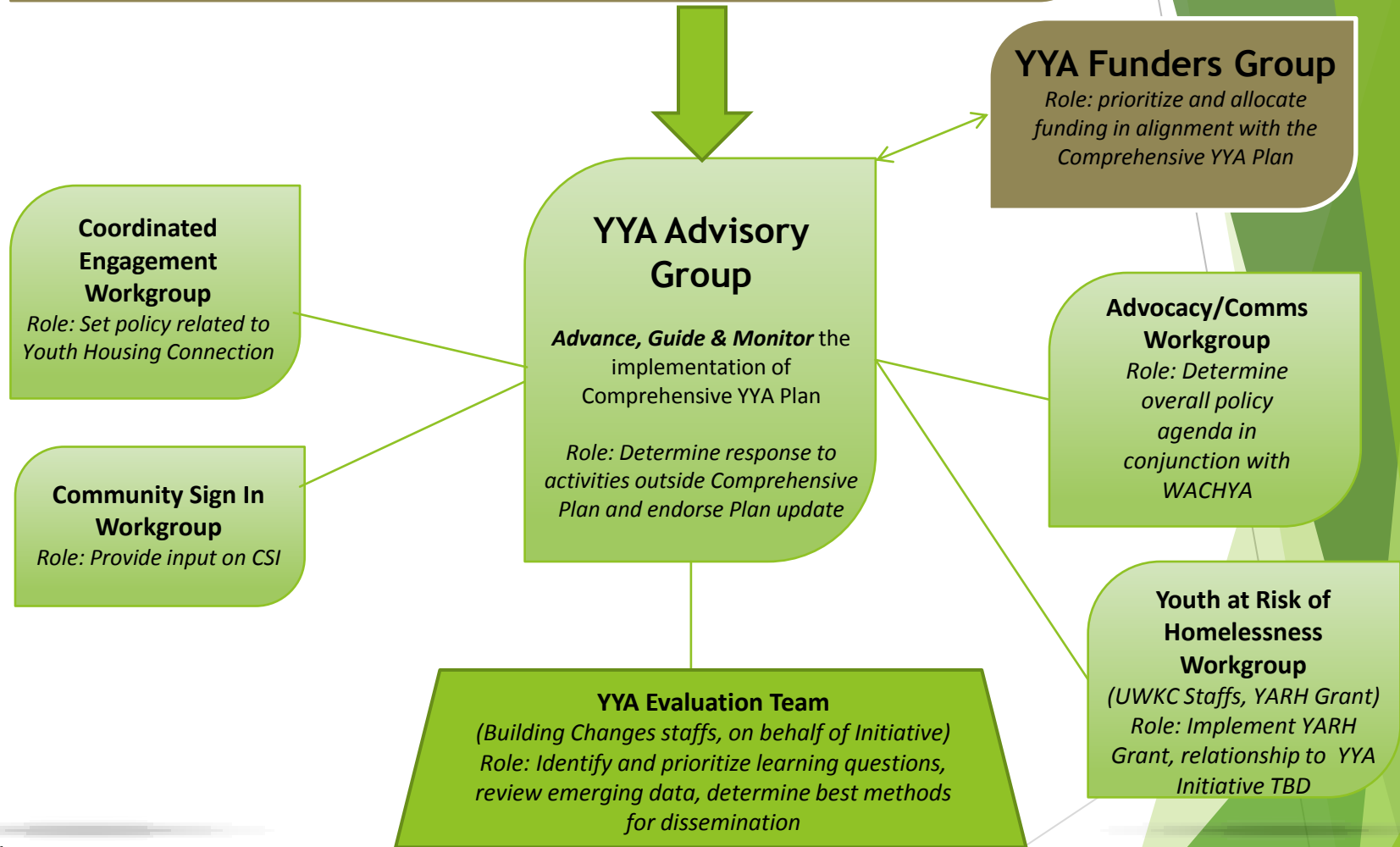
- *Accomplished:* Plan fully funded by King County Council, City of Seattle, and private funders. Additional resources secured to maintain foundational funding for critical survival services, outreach and shelter.
- *Next Steps:* Continued work of YYA funders group, with efforts to align reporting and outcomes requirements.

Coordinated engagement

- *Accomplished:* Youth Housing Connection (YHC) launched July 2013. Provider workgroup convenes regularly to discuss policy and operational issues. Community Sign In (CSI) launched November 2013. Regular training and troubleshooting sessions are held.
- *Next Steps:* Ongoing support for YHC and CSI. Initial data available approximately March 2014.

CEH Advisory Bodies: Governing Board, Interagency Council, CEH Funders, CAC

Role: Guide and affirm YYA priorities in alignment with the broader goal of ending homelessness among all populations. Secure, prioritize and allocate funding in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan and balanced with other 10YP Investment Priorities



Homeless YYA Initiative Leadership & Workgroups | Nov 2013 - April 2015

Current as of 12/31/2013



Updates

Youth Advocacy Day

Count Us In Results available at YAD

<http://www.mockingbirdsociety.org/index.php/component/content/article/1-slideshow/204-yad14>

Crosscut “Kids at Risk” Series

www.Crosscut.com

40 to None – Next steps to follow re: GLBTQ Capacity Building

<http://fortytonone.org/>

RFP Closes 2/20

Save the Dates:



- Next Stakeholder Forum
 - Tuesday 2/25, 2 – 3:30
 - Federal Way Library
- *Now Added!*
 - Preceded by monthly CSI User Training 1pm – 2pm
[RSVP required]
 - Followed by YHC Feedback Forum 3:30 – 4:30
- *Make an afternoon of it ...*